



Portsmouth, Ohio

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Miss Lambert,
Iberia, Ohio.

My Darling Bertha:
Your message came to hand.
The evening after I had
written to you at noon,
and I think it had more
than its usual effect.

I sold my studies there
that P. M. and remained
over night. Taking the N. & W.
train at 5- a. m. I came here
yesterday. As it was early
I spent some little time in
watching market St. as it
was full of wagons and people
arranging for two days' living
like the manna gatherers
of old.

I went to the Y. M. C. A. building as soon as it was open. As I was going along I whom should I see but Aunt Fanny Bardin standing at the door. She did not get a very good view of me and as it was early I did not look round because I knew she would hail me.

After a while I passed there again and saw Dr. in his office. I stopped a few minutes and Dr. introduced me to his wife and called Aunt Fanny in.

She seems like the same good woman as ever and longs to be in her old Church home. I tramped all the P. M. and have gotten the lay of the town so I know nearly every

St. I arranged dates for meeting some of the ministers Monday. Some were away from home etc. so I made no sales yesterday but expect to make things hot this wk.

I am located at 28 W 6 St. near P. O. and have a neat little front room 7x10. The folks are very kind. I pay \$7 per. wk. for room and buy tickets for boarding 6 meals for ^{private family} \$1. They set a fine table, but the water is very bad here, no good drinking water in town and my purse forbids buying beer although they have an abundance of it here. I have contracted cold in some way so I don't have much satisfaction.

in that respect. I attended
the M. E. S. S. and Church this
morning. They received me
very kindly and introduced
me to several of the men.
Forty eight were taken
into the Church and ten
baptized. I went to the Y. M.
C. A. meeting this P. M. 3:30
but it hardly seemed like
old Ada. Yesterday one of the
pastors tried to draw my
mind from the thought of
going to C. U. so he presented
the "Puget Sound University" plan
which connects 7000 mile travel
with each year school work.

For \$300 he said they would
pay my way to Tacoma, Wash.



furnish the personal advantages
of 36 wks schooling, including
expenses of board, room,
light, heat, tuition etc. and
in addition, to this, without
further charge, the first yr.
I would visit Alaska. On the
same plan 2nd yr. I would
visit old Mexico 3rd Sand-
wich Is. 4th China & Japan.

The instruction in University
is No 1 and competent
instructors are sent ^{with the students} ~~on the~~
in their travels. It is an M. E
plan, with Bishop Thorburn's
son as Chancellor. I will
visit you however and take
you along if I go. What do you
say?

I do not know yet what arrangements I shall make for school but trust you will not fail to start at the first of the term. This has been a very strange day to me as my mind has continually been going back to the past. I see the spot where I was and hear the click of the horse's shoe as I looked back over my shoulder only to hear Carlos announce to my surprise, "cars, mother's death." Perhaps I should not speak of this, but I suppose never a day passes, but that it comes to my mind and that was nine years ago this morning.

As I look back today those you seem very strange and bear with them in some way a

kind of melancholy strain that I have never been able to account for. Accustomed to having to make myself at home wherever my hat is off for 8½ yrs, I can content myself if I have a room to myself and books or something with which to use the time. I am heartily welcomed at home; but you know I could not rest content very long as my work is not there, but I will not speak further of something which you cannot enter into fully.

I hope you may have a large crowd at your concert so your vacation may be profitable to you. Of course I don't know how long I shall stay here, but shall work the trough along the valley toward Col.

I feel more and more the
burden of the missionary
Spirit and want to know more
of the subject. I hope we may
be able to study some in these
lines together when we get
into school. I wish I might
sit in this evening's Twilight
with you, but as that is denied
the thought that you are mine
lifts me above whatever cares
may come in the way.

You are a Dear, True
and Sweet girl and may
the dear Master lead us
safely in His own way.

Your True one,
J. H. Harrie.

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